



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5450

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING ARBITRATION IN MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENT CASES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014, and applicable to any civil*
2 *action pending on or filed on or after said date*) In any civil action where
3 the party who brought the action is asserting a claim for bodily injury
4 arising out of a motor vehicle accident, the court, at the request of all
5 parties to the civil action, may refer the matter to an arbitrator chosen
6 by the parties or their attorneys. The arbitration shall include
7 parameters limiting the damage award that an injured party may
8 receive. The finding of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the parties
9 to the civil action exclusively for the purposes of such civil action. The
10 damage award, if any, of the arbitrator shall not be used by or against
11 any party to the arbitration in any subsequent civil action or
12 proceeding.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014, and applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date</i>	New section

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Joint Favorable Subst.

